

**MERGING PARTIAL QUERY RESULTS INTO A SINGLE RESULT**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

[0037] A method and system for executing an information retrieval query in a multiserver computing environment is disclosed. The method and system employ a technique in which the query is distributed among each of a plurality of partial index servers in the multiserver environment, and a subset of results is calculated for each of the plurality of partial index servers. Then, the subset of results are merged in one logical index server to generate a merged result.

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